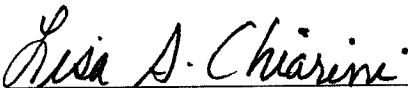


**REMARKS**

Claims 3 and 14-16 have been amended to address the Examiner's form objections and to place the immediate application in better form for appeal. Applicants submit that this Amendment is fully compliant with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)(1) and raises no new issues for consideration nor does it necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner.

Applicants believe that there are no fees due in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee amounts to Deposit Account Number 02-4377.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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